

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicant submits herewith a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. 1.125 having a 12 point font size as required by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is entered by the substitute specification. Further, Applicant requests amendment of the substitute specification as follows:

The following amendments reflect those previously requested by Preliminary Amendment filed September 11, 2003, with respect to the originally-filed specification:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of U.S. patent application no. 09/822,791, filed on March 30, 2001, (pending).

Please amend the paragraph of the substitute specification beginning at page 12, line 17, as follows:

The Cu films 46 and 50 are covered by the top dielectric film 54 made of $[[\text{SiO}_2]]$ SiON except for the electrode pads 48 which are exposed by openings 56 formed in the top dielectric film 54 and the polyimide overcoat film 58. The polyimide film 58 has also openings 59 therein for exposing portions of the top dielectric film 54 overlying the fuse elements 52.

The following amendment is newly requested herein:

Please amend the paragraph of the substitute specification beginning on page 3, line 15 as follows:

The fuse structure is fabricated as detailed below. Referring to Fig. 2A, an Al film 22 is formed on an underlying interlevel dielectric film 16 overlying a semiconductor substrate 100. The Al film 22 is patterned to form interconnect lines 20 including fuse terminals 18A and 18B, as shown in Fig. 2B, followed by depositing a TiN film 24 on the entire surface including the surfaces of the interconnect lines, as shown in Fig. 2C. The TiN film is then patterned to form a two-layer structure of the interconnect ~~lines~~ lines 20 as well as the fuse elements 12 each connecting the pair of fuse terminals 18A and 18B together.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Replacement Drawings Sheets 1-4 containing revised Figures 1-4 are submitted herewith. The legend --Prior Art-- has been added to Figures 1-4 in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by these amendments.